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SUBJECT: REPORT ON SIGNIFICANT USG CLAIMS AGAINST FOREIGN
GOVERNMENTS

REF: STATE 103865

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED
REGARDING U.S. GOVERNMENT CLAIMS AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAK
GOVERNMENT. FORMAT IS THAT SPECIFIED IN REFTEL.

(A) COUNTRY: CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.

(B) EVENTS: WORLD WAR II.

(C) AMOUNT OF CLAIM: BETWEEN \$5 MILLION AND \$25 MILLION
(SPECIFICALLY \$7 MILLION).

(D) ISSUE INVOLVED: PAYMENT BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR U.S.
SURPLUS PROPERTY OBTAINED FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II.

(E) STATUS OF USG EFFORTS TO RESOLVE CLAIM: THE 1974 GOLD/
CLAIMS AGREEMENT INITIALLED BY U.S. AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA
PROVIDED, INTERALIA, FOR FULL PAYMENT OF THIS CLAIM BY
CZECHOSLOVAKS. HOWEVER, SINCE SECTION 408 OF TRADE ACT
OF 1974 BLOCKS IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT, EFFORTS
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TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE ARE STYMIED UNTIL LARGER GOLD/
PRIVATE CLAIMS ISSUE IS RESOLVED.

(F) DATE OF LAST CONTACT WITH COUNTRY: LAST OFFICIAL
CONTACT WAS IN JULY 1974 WHEN NEGOTIATIONS ON
GOLD/CLAIMS AGREEMENT ENDED. HOWEVER, THIS AND
RELATED GOLD/CLAIMS ISSUES ARE ON-GOING MATTERS

WHICH U.S. AND CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS DISCUSS
REGULARLY.

(G) AGENCY AND INDIVIDUAL TO BE CONTACTED FOR
FURTHER INFORMATION:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
MR. FABIAN KWIA TEK (L/C) AND
MR. THOMAS HUANG (L/C).
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